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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ARAB WORLD

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1. DURING AUSTRIAN CONSUL'S NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION OCT 26, NOVAK PRIBICEVIC, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS OF CROATIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TOLD CONGEN ZAGREB THAT NO, RPT NOT, ARAB WOUNDED HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN YUGOSLAVIA SINCE OUTBREAK CURRENT MIDDLE-EAST WAR. HE EXPLAINED THAT WOUNDED RECEIVED IN PAST YEARS FROM ALGERIA, THE CONGO, THE MIDDLE-EAST, ETC. HAD COME TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR "RECUPERATION NOT INITIAL TREAT-MENT". THEREFORE, IT "TOO EARLY" TO HAVE RECEIVED WOUNDED FROM THIS WAR.

2. TWO SOURCES CONNECTED MEDICAL PROFESSION HAVE GIVEN CONGEN ZAGREB IDENTICAL REPORT THAT DOCTORS AND UNUSES OF TWO OF ZAGREB'S MAJOR HOSPITALS HAVE DECLINED INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE IN MIDDLE EAST. INVITATION BELIEVED PASSED THROUGH PARTY OR OTHER SOCIO-POLITICAL CHANNEL. BELGRADE RTV OCTOBER 30 ANNOUNCED YUGO TEAMS OF PHYSICIANS NOW ATTENDING ARAB WOUNDED IN CAIRO HOSPITALS. REPORT SAID YUGO AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO, MIHAJLO JAVORSKI, TOURED HOSPITALS TO THANK YUGOSLAV DOCTORS FOR THEIR HELP.
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3. SOURCE FROM SPLIT REPORTS WIDESPREAD RUMOR THERE THAT PART OF SPLIT MILITARY HOSPITAL RESERVED FOR ARAB WOUNDED. THERE IS COMMENT FROM MEDICAL SOURCES, THOUGH, THAT FOR ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ALONE, IT DIFFICULT FOR HOSPITALS KEEP SPACES EMPTY. SPLIT MILITARY HOSPITAL, FOR INSTANCE, ACCEPTS CIVILIAN PATIENTS TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS AND INSURE FULL UTILIZATION.

4. DUTCH EMBASSY SOURCE IN BELGRADE REPORTS FOREIGN MEDICAL STUDENTS HERE HAVE SEEN "MANY" ARAB WOUNDED IN SEVERAL BELGRADE HOSPITALS. STUDENTS ALSO ALLEGE ARABS BEING GIVEN PRIORITY TREATMENT OVER YUGOSLAV PATIENTS.

5. COMMENT: PERSISTENT RUMORS SUGGEST YUGOSLAVS HAVE AT MINIMUM OFFERED ARABS HOSPITAL FACILITIES AS WELL AS RESERVED HOSPITAL SPACE. IF WOUNDED HAVE IN FACT ALREADY ARRIVED IN YUGOSLAVIA, PRIBICEVIC'S DENIAL COULD BE SIGNAL GOY NOT ANXIOUS TO ACKNOWLEDGE FACT AT THIS TIME.
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